

# State of North Carolina



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GOVERNOR

## NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

2008

### BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

#### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is fortunate in having a rich variety of natural resources, and our citizens have developed a deep appreciation for the many recreational opportunities which being outdoors in this State affords them; and

WHEREAS, the trails that cross our State are an integral part of these recreational possibilities in North Carolina and promote an enjoyment of scenic beauty by our citizens and our visitors, whether they find it on a remote beach or mountaintop or beside an urban greenway; and

WHEREAS, our trails vary from less than a mile in length to the Mountains-to-Sea Trail that is approximately 1,000 miles in length; and

WHEREAS, they range from rugged footpaths on mountain ridges to bikeways along abandoned railway corridors, from canoe trails down our State's rivers to bridle trails in the rolling Piedmont; and

WHEREAS, our trails serve the wide variety of our citizens and visitors who want to enjoy outdoor recreation; and

WHEREAS, trails also offer quality-of-life benefits to all North Carolinians as expressions of local community character and pride, as living workshops for science education, as tools for economic revitalization of a community, as accessible alternative transportation, and as sites for social and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, citizen involvement in the planning, construction and maintenance of our trails is crucial to the continued success of our trails program; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the North Carolina Trails Committee, business and non-profit corporations, trail clubs and volunteer organizations, and local, state and federal agencies, we are working to expand those trails that connect us to each other all across the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 7, 2008, as "NATIONAL TRAILS DAY" in North Carolina and encourage our citizens to become aware of existing trail opportunities in their communities and throughout our State and ask them to work with us on future trail development in North Carolina.



A stylized, handwritten signature of Michael F. Easley in dark ink.  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the City of Raleigh this thirteenth day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.